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Public Productions Are Now Turned To by the Talented

The Amateur Comedy Club and the Snarks Alone Furnish an Outlet at Present for the Private Theatricals Once So Popular.

S the flood of amusements for debutantes that have been filling the days and most of the nights since the middle of November subsides

nore marked this year than ever before—has not found expression in private amateur performances. To-day the Amateur Comedy Club and he Snarks alone furnish such outlets for dramatic cleverness in society.

For a decade, following the last amateur performances in the balloom of the former local home of Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, now an uptown branch of a trust company, private performances by amateurs have been ropped from the fashionable program. Energy thus once expended is being applied in more utilitarian directions. Mrs. Oelrichs remains in Paris, while her son, with her there for many months, came back by

to find. It is not that singing, dancing or acting talent is wanting. To he contrary, the group of men and women who have specialized in the arts of the stage is much larger to-day than when Mrs. Oelrichs was glad to have her ballroom made over into a private theater, but to-day t is with a broader idea of utilizing such abilities that the private perormance has given place to the more ambitious public production for charity in a theater or the ballroom of a hotel.

Thousands of dollars have poured into the treasuries of local philanthropies through public performances of original dramatic vehicles, usually of the musical comedy order, thus exhausting the amateur talents that in the past were spread before selected audiences in the larger private houses. Thus the passing of the private performance may be laid to the rise of utilitarianism as a characteristic of modern New York society. To the credit of farsighted women, who have turned social customs into new and broader channels, this change has been brought about without detriment to the diversity of modern social life.

So as the debutante slows her pace with the last days of the year the drama rises as a means of diversion and an aid to charity. Groups of amateurs are rehearsing their annual "shows" for later public offerings. Popular performances on the operatic and spoken stages have been and will be used to refurbish depleted treasuries. The few local annual performances by the university dramatic clubs are exceptions that help establish the social rule.

But the debutante will rule for another week and then be advanced her place among the "arrived" for the more sedate incidents of January. Many of them will be rehearsing for the January charity performances while participating in Christmas week parties.

To-morrow-Christmas Day-there will be one exception to the rule f family gatherings when Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Schenck will have a lance in the Ritz-Carlton for their daughter, Miss Claire Schenck. On

attention in the dance by Mr. and before an audience of members and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for their daughter, Miss Abby Rocke-feller.

Grant D. Rockefeller, Jr., for guests numbering four hundred. The plays that will be originated and staged by the Players Committee will

laughter, Miss Kathryn Knight, on may have an important future in-fhursday and the dances on Friday Mrs. Barclay Ulman and Mr, and society. Mrs. Milton John Budlong and their respective daughters, Miss Audrey Barclay Ulman and Miss Frances W. Budlong, will lead the way into the city and suburban New Year's eve observations, which with the last day of the year falling on Sunday will be advanced to Saturday night. In town there will be Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. came to New York last week to pass

breakfast early Monday morning.

For Junior League Show.

two amateur offerings of the winter. Mrs. Walter Damrosch, who follows
They are Miss Muriel Vanderbilt, upon her older sister, Miss Polly Blaine
whose judgment the Junior League of Damrosch. Miss Anita Damrosch will for the selection of the cast of its pro- preparation. the Waldorf-Astoria on January 30 and 31 and February I, and her cousin.

Miss Cathleen Vanderbilt, who has mittee of the Spence Alumnæ Society Plaza on January 12.

will be up to the best standards. Each organization is striving to overshadow past performances while the Junior Charles S. Morgan, Jr., of Philadel-

Committee's cubistic operatic pantomime last Monday night in the ballElizabeth Cawthra, Beatrice Beard, Learner Harrison, Thomas Conroy, Al-

have no relations to the annual public day are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent S. Mul-ford's dance in their Montclair home that the best players developed at the public productions may be selected to for deputante daughter, Miss Madeleine Day Mulford, and in town the dinner and small dance by Mrs. Hayes Brooke for her daughter, Miss Marie Brooke.

Mrs. Charles D. Orth's party for her days the manner the Players Committee has the opportunity to develop an organization of amateur players that may have an important future in-

New Year's eve joilification in the old Cinderella," Miss Mary having the title the afternoon of January 4. The cerepart, while Miss Elizabeth was the mony will be at St. James Church and Mr. Elbridge Gerry Snow will adhere coach and stage manager. They have to the calendar. On the real New prepared themselves for the profes Year's eve—Sunday night—he with sional stage and have assumed the parents. Year's eve—Sunday night—he with other members of the Rye colony will have a festivity in the Rye Country Club, culminating in a special club breakfast early Monday morning. of the associated divisions of the na-tionally incorporated league. Their latest predecessor from the league to the professional stage was Miss Antia the professional stage was Miss Antia

Two of the debutantes will have im-cortant parts in the preliminaries for Blaine Damrosch, daughter of Mr. and New York will rely to a large extent give a full year to her professional

Spence Alumnae Play.

charge of part of the business end of the Spence School Alumnæ play in the on January 12 in the Plaza under the direction of Miss Virginia Sterry with-Each of these amateur productions out having yet selected the name of

room of Mrs. Vincent Astor's home Mary Field, Constance Banks and called "An Expressionistic Cinderella" Peggy Stout

Members of the Younger Set Taking Part in the Winter's Gayeties in New York

At Christmas Society Jurns to Theatricals



Miss La Fetra and Mr. Stanton to Wed January 4

Number of Other Notable Marriages Arranged for After Holidays.

joyous pealing soon after the

advanced to Saturday night. In town there will be Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Reynal's dance for Miss Adele Reynal, while on that night the Tuxedo colony will put on fancy dress for the annual important parts in "An Expressionistic Fetra, to Mr. Louis Lee Stanton on States Court of Claims, who invitations have been issued by Dr. came to New York last week to pass and Mrs. L. E. La Fetra for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Helen La important parts in "An Expressionistic Fetra, to Mr. Louis Lee Stanton on States Court of Claims, who invitations have been issued by Dr. came to New York last week to pass and Mrs. L. E. La Fetra for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Helen La important parts in "An Expressionistic Fetra, to Mr. Louis Lee Stanton on States Court of Claims, who invitations have been issued by Dr. came to New York last week to pass and Mrs. L. E. La Fetra for the wed-like the court of Claims, who is the the reception at the home of the bride's Only relatives and the most intimate friends have been asked to

> Mrs. Henry A. Hutchins, Jr. ton will have Mr. Byam Stevens as best man, and the ushers will be Messrs. John Metcalfe Gill, Elbridge Stratton, Alexander Neave, Hudson York and Winsow Van der Vanter of

On Friday evening Mrs. Charles Gilmore Kerley of 10 East Eighty-first street will give a dinner and theater party for Miss La Fetra and the members of her bridal party. After the "Music Box Revue" Mrs. Kerley will take her guests to the Club Royale to dance.

past performances while the Junior League does not hesitate to say, through its publicity manager, Miss Marforie Cleveland, that "fantastically and artistically this is to be the league's most ambitious production, Surprises and novelties not yet announced will add a professional air to an amateur undertaking."

Within the Junior League now there are two distinct dramatic organization, one falling back primarily upon the new acquisition to the membership from among the debutantes of 1922-23 in staging the annual performances for the charitable enterprises of the organization and the other, just perfected, striving to develop among the clude the Misses Which will in-fected, striving to develop among the

in staging the annual performances for the charitable enterprises of the organization and the other, just perfected, striving to develop among the older members a dramatic group with serious but not charitable intentions.

The original dramatic organization, as old as the league itself, goes out with an appeal to the fancies of the public to help the league extend its varied philanthropic enterprises. The newer subdivision, which has just perfected its organization, has been eistered by the players' committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Fenton Taylor for the more serious amuse ment of the members of the league and their friends.

Of such a nature was the Players Committee's cubistic operatic panto-

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the house.
Miss La Fetra will have Miss Lila

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MISS CAROLYN E PRENTICE, DAUGHTER of MR. and MRS

Sir Edward Grigg

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau. Logdon, Dec. 23. Logdon, Dec. 23. Logdon, Dec. 23. He entered the war as an ensign in succession to Gures have caused his friends to call the Grenadiers and finished as a Gen. his honeymoon.

To Wed Next Month | Joan Poynder, daughter of Lord and vision. When he was brigade major Lady Islington, will be the first society of the First Foot Guards brigade durwedding of the new year, has had an ing the battle of the Somme he edited unusual career in the army. Sir Ed- the journal Somme Times on the brigade

Copyright, 1922, by Tim New York Hmain. ward was formerly private secretary to typewriter. He is resuming his duties as secretary of the Rhodes Trust in He entered the war as an ensign in succession to Geoffrey Dawson after Society Calendar to Be Dominated by Younger Set

To-morrow Will Be Marked by Introduction of Miss Claire Schenck to Society.

ITH the advent of Christmas there will begin the busiest to be nights enough in the regular season to divide among them, therefore the holidays have to croached on with dances or other gen-

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY.

First Colony dance, Ritz-Cartton

THURSDAY,

FRIDAY. Mr. and Mes. Witherbee Black, tea dance to introduce Miss Beatrice Black, the Ritz-Carlton.

Mrs. J. Frederick Talcott, dance for Miss Martha E. Talcott, the Plaza. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smidt, 134 East Thirty-night street, dance to introduce Miss Julie Smidt.

First Metropolitan dance, the Ritz-

Mrs. Charles Gilmore Kerley, 10 East Eighty-first street, dinner and theater party for Miss Helen La Fefra and Mr. Louis Lee Stanton.

Ten dance to aid French-American Union for Open Air Schools, under dis-inguished patronage, Sherry's,

Pierre C. Cartier, luncheon at

SATURDAY.

Mrs. Charles de Rham, Jr., a dinner,

in the afternoon of Wednesday Mrs. Frederick S. Armstrong will give a tea lance at Sherry's to introduce her daugh-ier. Miss Mary Elizabeth Armstrong, which will be followed by a dinner and

Dance Will Interest Many.

Mrs. A. Filmore Hyde and Miss Sylvia Hyde, 67 Park avenue, afternoon at An out-of-town dance on Wednesday will have much interest to many in this city. It will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Strong Mulford at Oak Knoll, Mrs. Bayard Dominick, ten dance for her granddaughter. Miss Helen Bayard Dominick, crystal room Ritz-Carlton.

the Colony Club, will be for her daugh-ter, Miss Mallory Davis, who is at home from the Foxoroft School for the holl-days, but it will not be for debutantes, Mrs. Davis has asked only the young friends of her daughter now at home from school. Miss Davis is a niece of Mrs. Pairfax Stuart Landstreet. Mrs.

Reception in the Crystal room of the Ritz-Carlton for her granddaughter. Miss Helen Dominick Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander Smith duce their respective daughters, Misess May H. Pursons, who is a student at Vassar, and Miss Mary Bradley Averill, Mrs. Frederick Hewitt Parks of Glena Palls, N. V., will give a luncheon at the Hitz-Carlton for her granddaughter, Miss Plorence Kimbley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prank Ray Kimbley. Mr. and Mrs. Account C. Brekaw will give the second Howard C. Brokaw will give the second of a series of dinners for their daughter. Miss Julia Brokaw, afterward taking their guests to a dance.

Other Interesting Dances.

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